

CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

1 1. A shield unit comprising a display shield coupled to a display
2 enclosure wherein a display resides, so that the display shield may be selectively
3 oriented in at least a first position covering the display, a second position shading the
4 display from incident light, and a third position retracted from the display.

1 2. The shield unit of claim 1, further comprising a coupling member
2 coupled to the display shield, such that when the coupling member is disposed in a
3 track residing in the display enclosure, the coupling member slides within the track so
4 that the display shield may be slideably changed to at least the first position, the
5 second position and the third position.

1 3. The shield unit of claim 2, wherein the coupling member comprises a
2 pin, and wherein a portion of the pin is disposed within the track so that the pin slides
3 within the track.

1 4. The shield unit of claim 2, further comprising a second coupling
2 member coupled to the display shield, such that when the second coupling member is
3 disposed in a second track residing in an opposing side of the display enclosure, the
4 coupling member and the second coupling member slide within the track and the
5 second track, respectively, so that the display shield may be selectively oriented in the
6 first position, the second position and the third position.

1 5. The shield unit of claim 2, further comprising an attachment member
2 rigidly attached to the display shield and rigidly attached to the coupling member.

1 6. The shield unit of claim 1, further comprising:
2 an attachment member rigidly attached the coupling member; and
3 a pin coupling the attachment member and the display shield so that the
4 display shield may be changed from the second position to a fourth position when the
5 display shield is rotated about the pin.

1 7. The shield unit of claim 1, further comprising at least one auxiliary
2 shade screen coupled to the display shield, the auxiliary shade screen providing
3 additional shading from incident light on the display.

1 8. A method comprising the steps of:
2 orienting a display shield in a first position, the first position covering the front
3 of the display;
4 orienting the display shield in a second position, the second position shading
5 the display from incident light; and
6 orienting the display shield in a third position, the third position retracting the
7 display shield.

1 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of rotating the
2 display shield about a pin to orient the display shield in a fourth position.

1 10. A system comprising:
2 means for orienting a display shield in a first position, the first position
3 covering the front of a display;
4 means for orienting the display shield in a second position, the second position
5 shading the display from incident light; and
6 means for orienting the display shield in a third position, the third position
7 retracting the display shield.

1 11. The system of claim 10, further comprising means for rotating the
2 display shield about a pin to orient the display shield in a fourth position to permit
3 selectable shading of the display.

1 12. The system of claim 10, further comprising means for sliding a
2 coupling member along a track residing in a display enclosure wherein the display
3 resides, the coupling member coupling the display shield and the display enclosure,
4 such that a position of the display shield is adjustable to one of the first position, the
5 second position and the third position.

1 13. A device comprising:
2 means for coupling a coupling member to a display shield; and
3 means for slideably coupling the coupling member to a track residing in a
4 display enclosure to permit the display shield to be oriented in a protecting position
5 covering the display, in a shading position shading the display from incident light, and
6 in a retracted position locating the display shield behind the display.

1 14. The device of claim 13, further comprising a rotation means operable
2 to permit the display shield to be rotated about the rotation means to a selectable
3 shading position.

1 15. The device of claim 13, further comprising at least one auxiliary shade
2 screen coupled to the display shield, the auxiliary shade screen providing additional
3 shade from incident light on the display.

1 16. The device of claim 15, further comprising an adjustable coupling
2 means coupling the auxiliary shade screen to the display shield such that a position of
3 the auxiliary shade screen is adjustable.

1 17. A system comprising:
2 a display residing in a display enclosure; and
3 a display shield coupled to the display enclosure so that the display shield may
4 be selectively oriented in at least a first position covering the display, a second
5 position shading the display from incident light, and a third position retracted from the
6 display.

1 18. The system of claim 17, further comprising an electronic device
2 coupled to the display enclosure.

1 19. The system of claim 18, wherein the electronic device is an image
2 capture device.

1 20. The system of claim 18, further comprising a connector that extends
2 the display enclosure outwardly from the electronic device so that when the display
3 shield is in the third position, the display shield is retracted in a position behind the
4 display enclosure.